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The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin
Secretary of the Treasury
U.S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Mnuchin,

I am writing to request any documents in the holdings of the Department of the Treasury associated with the National Rifle Association (NRA) and Russia. According to news reports, the FBI is investigating whether Alexander Torshin, a Russian official with close ties to President Vladimir Putin—who has reported links to money laundering—inappropriately and illegally influenced our election.ⁱ

The national security as well as legal implications of these reports make it imperative that Congress conduct a thorough investigation. I therefore request that you provide the Senate Finance Committee any documents relevant to financial links between the NRA and its associated entities and Mr. Torshin or other Russian officials, and that you include any documents related to shell companies or other illicit funding mechanisms suspected of being connected to these reported links. I am particularly interested in documents from the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) and other elements of the Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence.

As you know, the Senate Finance Committee has the expertise and experience necessary to conduct complex financial investigations, including those involving money laundering, and to review the legal and national security implications of its findings. I ask that the Department please contact Committee staff at (202) 224-4515 to make arrangements or to answer any further questions. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Ron Wyden
United States Senator

ⁱ *FBI Investigating Whether Russian Money Went To NRA To Help Trump*; McClatchy, January 18, 2018;
www.mcclatchydc.com/news/nation-world/national/article195231139.html